

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Falls Hotel Inventory Number: CE-272
Address: 26 S. Main Street Historic district: yes ☒ no ☐
City: Port Deposit Zip Code: 21904 County: Cecil
USGS Quadrangle(s): Havre De Grace
Property Owner: KILLIAN, DOO H. & HOWARD Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Agency: DHCD
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager Date Prepared: 8/3/2005
Documentation is presented in: MIHP CE-1291 \ MIHP CE-272
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: Port Deposit Historic District
Inventory Number: CE-1291 Eligible: yes no Listed: X yes no
Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

This ca. 1810 building has a side-gable form and is three and one half stories tall and eight bays wide. An interior brick chimney is near the center of the roof. Twentieth century shed and gabled dormers are on the front slope of the roof. The upper level of the front façade contains eight evenly spaced six over six wood sash windows. The first and second floors of the front façade have been significantly altered over time and are covered by twentieth century storefronts and other alterations.

The Falls Hotel retains its original form, massing, and general profile. The building has integrity of location, setting, materials, and association from the Port Deposit Historic District's nineteenth through early twentieth century period of significance and is a contributing element of the district (CE-1291).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: Contributes to Port Deposit HD

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Peter E. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

8/10/05
Date

8/9/05
Date

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CE 272

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: <u>Port Hardware</u> →				
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Falls Hotel</u>				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>26 South Main Street, east side, at High Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Port Deposit</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>Cecil</u>		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>auto rental housing</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Robert H. Mc Mullen Jr.</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Port Deposit</u>		STATE: <u>MD 21904</u>		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Clerk of Circuit Court</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Cecil County Courthouse</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Elkton</u>		STATE: <u>MD 21921</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <u>WAS. 193 / 130</u>				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: _____				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: _____		STATE: _____		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)
☐ Altered ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)
☐ Moved ☐ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This long stone building, ~~one~~ an hotel, is eight bays by two, two stories high over a full lighted basement which is used as a store. Oblong, the building faces west the pitched roof ridge line running north-south. New flat dormers composed of pairs of windows replaced smaller peaked dormers on the upper floor. Windows have 9 lights on 6 on the first floor, 6 on 6 elsewhere. There is a gabled inside chimney at the south end wall, an interior chimney three bays in from the south wall.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

Prior to 1818

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was once the Falls Hotel, 1892-1913
 belonging to Cornelius Smith in 1914 when
 photographed as the meeting place of the
 Harmony Lodge of Masons from 1818 to 1852.
 It is now an
 apartment building over a Herwin hardware
 store.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview Robt. H. McMullen, at his store 5/73 by SSE.
 Lake, Griffing Stevenson Atlas of Cecil County shows this as
 J. R. Miller's Hotel in 1877.
 Alice Miller, Cecil County, Maryland. Elkton, Maryland, C&L
Printed & Specialty Co. 1949. p 122-3, 128

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 RIVA ROAD	
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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Falls Hotel

26 S. Main St. E side
Port Deposit

Built by Cornelius Smith who was born near
Troy, New York in 1792 + died in Port Deposit in
1858

now an apartment house

Make this line ~~Enlarge~~ $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

1609

An Illustrated Atlas of
Hart County, Maryland

PORT DEPOSIT

HISTORIC DISTRICT

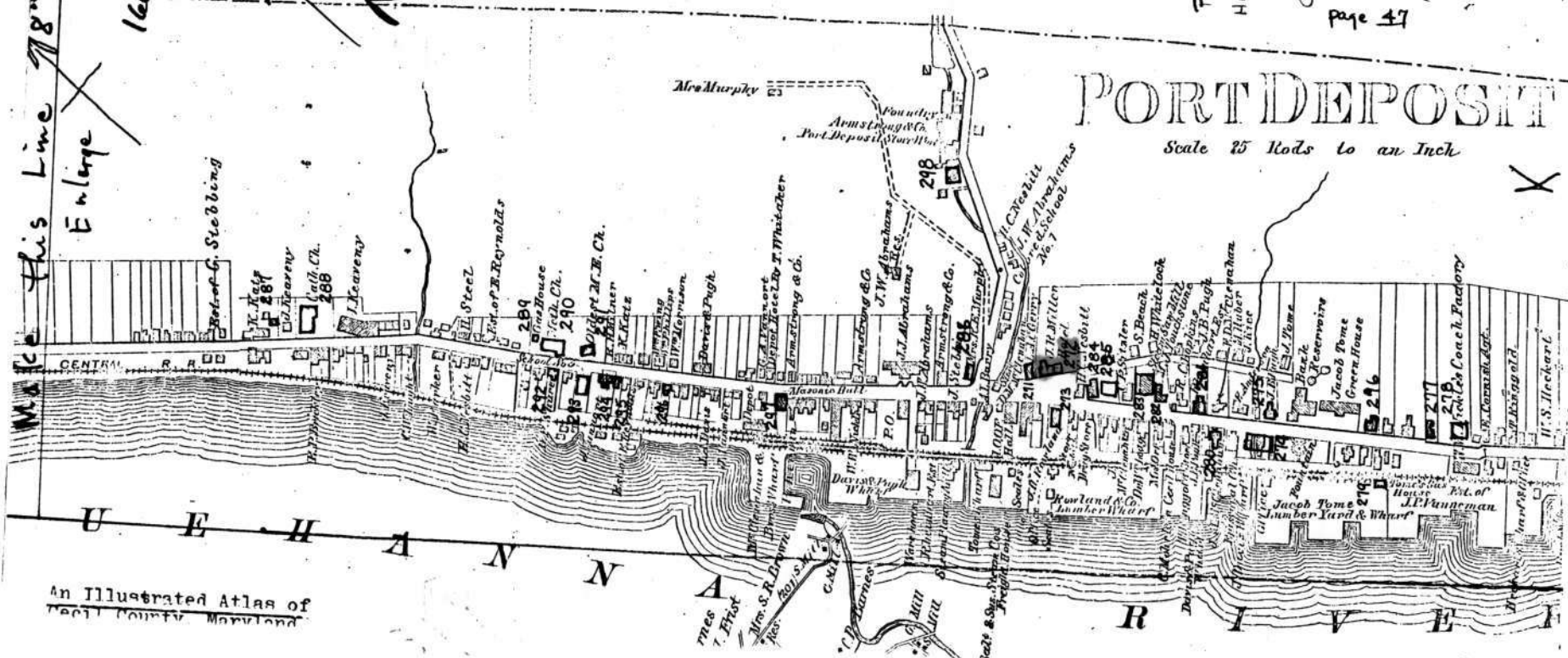
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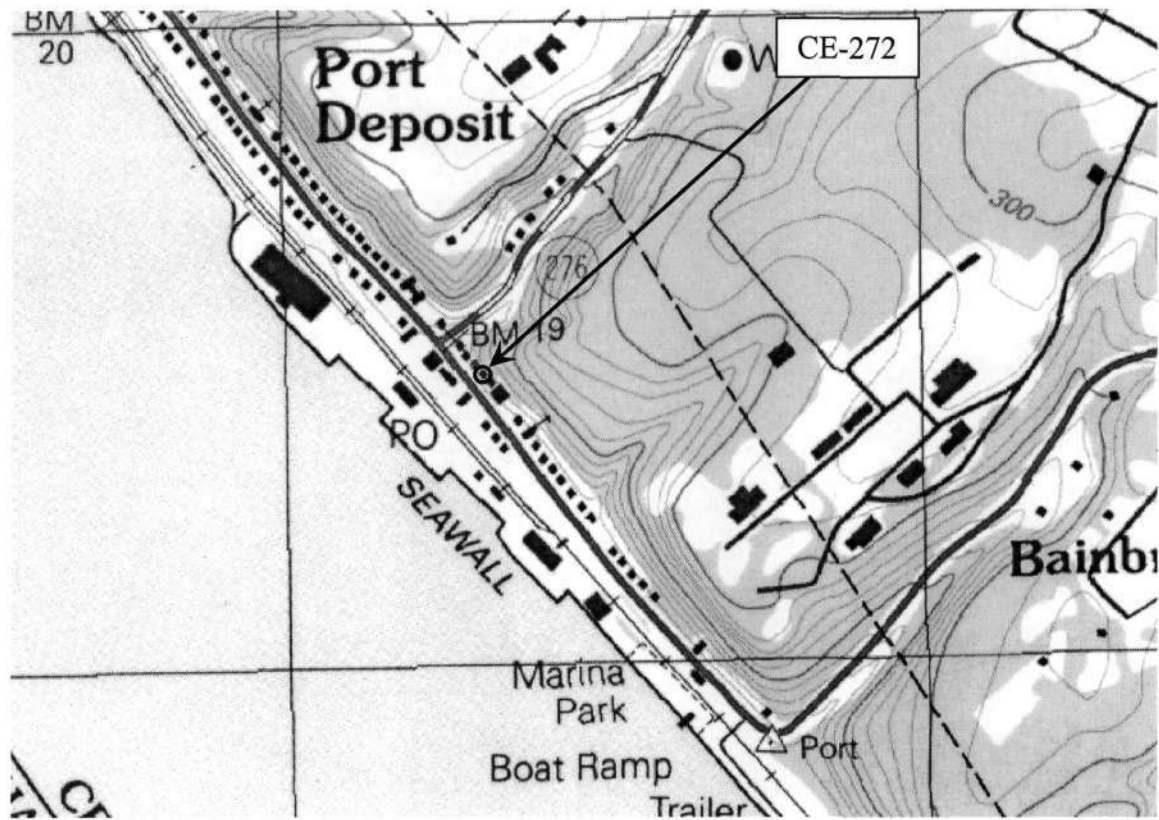
HAVRE DE GRACE
QUART

PORT DEPOSIT

Scale 25 Rods to an Inch



CE-272
Falls Hotel (Port Hardware)
26 S. Main St.
Port Deposit
Havre de Grace Quad.
Cecil County





CE-272
Falls Hotel
26 S. Main Street
Port Deposit
West Elevation
Geoff Henry 3/86
Negatives at MHT